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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003, the period for response to which having been extended to June 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 11, 16, 23, 27, 30, 32, 35, and 45 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for processing a card through a computer network, the steps comprising:

- a) providing a notice to a consumer to activate a card on a site on a first computing system in communication with a second computing system over a first network;
- b) instructing the consumer to access the site;
- c) prompting the consumer to provide predetermined card information, and authentication and service data, if available, to the site and communicating the predetermined card information to the second computing system over the first network;